



**Global Missions Department**  
*"Shaping Servant-Leaders to Reach all Peoples"*

— Course Synopsis —

<p><b>COURSE NUMBER and TITLE:</b>          BTH/MHT 501          The Mission of God in Biblical and Contemporary Contexts</p> <p><b>CREDIT HOURS:</b> 3</p> <p><b>SEMESTER:</b> Spring 2021</p> <p><b>COURSE DATES:</b> January 11- April 30, 2021</p> <p><b>COURSE DAY/TIME:</b> Week Module          Monday through Friday          January 11-15, 2021          12:40-5:00pm and 6:00-9:00pm</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> AGTS 229</p>	<p><b>INSTRUCTORS:</b> DeLonn Rance Ph.D.          and Valerie Rance Ph.D.</p> <p><b>EMAIL:</b> RanceV@evangel.edu          RanceD@evangel.edu</p>
<p><b>REQUIRED TEXTS:</b></p> <p>Bauckham, Richard. <i>Bible and Mission: Christian Witness in a Postmodern World</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003. <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0801027713 <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0801027710 Print 126 pp.</p> <p>Glasser, Arthur F.; Van Engen, Charles E.; Gilliland, Dean S.; and Redford, Shawn B. <i>Announcing the Kingdom: The Story of God's Mission in the Bible</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003. <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0801026261, <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0801026263 Print 400 pp.</p> <p>Johnson, Alan R. <i>Apostolic Function in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Missions</i>. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2009. <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0878080112 <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0878080113 Print 258 pp.</p> <p>Kaiser, Walter C. <i>Mission in the Old Testament: Israel as a Light to the Nations</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2000. <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0801022282, <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0801022289 Print 101 pp.</p> <p>Van Engen, Charles. <i>God's Missionary People: Rethinking the Purpose of the Local Church</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1991. <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0801093112, <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0801093111 Print 194 pp.</p> <p>Wright, Christopher J. H. <i>The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission (Biblical Theology for Life)</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010. <b>ISBN-10:</b> 0310291127 <b>ISBN-13:</b> 978-0310291121 Electronic and Print 304 pp.</p>	

York, John V. *Missions in the Age of the Spirit*. Springfield, MO: Logion, 2000. **ISBN-10:** 0882434640 **ISBN-13:** 978-0882434643 270 pp.

Personal choice of a **Missionary Biography**

### **Course Requirements/Assignments:**

1. **Attendance, and class participation**
2. **Reading Assignments:** Students must read the assigned textbooks according to the class schedule. A Canvas online open book "Quiz" must be completed for each text and for a missionary biography (see course addendum one for observations and recommendations).
3. **Sermon:** The submission of a missions sermon that you have preached or will preach. The missionary disciplines of Go, Give, and Pray should be integrated throughout the message. The paper should be 3-4 pages in length presenting the sermon title, scripted introduction, stories/illustrations, and conclusion/application. The major points with the accompanying Scripture references may be presented in outline form. The sermon will be collected via an online assignment in Course Commons. **Due March 26.**
4. **Research Paper:** In 15-20 pages, demonstrate your mastery of the content of this course by writing a paper on a particular topic in the area of biblical missiology. You can write on something you are interested in and look at it through the mission of God lens. (e.g. church planting and missions, chaplaincy and missions, women in missions, short-term missions, children in missions, immigration and missions, technology and missions). The paper should:
  - a. Apply the principles of biblical theology taught in the class;
  - b. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of *missio Dei* as found in the biblical witness, including appropriate biblical references. Be sure to demonstrate a clear contextual (exegetical) understanding of all texts that are discussed.
  - c. Integrate and cite class lectures, assigned readings, and other scholarly sources.
  - d. After presenting your understanding of a particular topic in biblical missiology, **apply your current sense of God's unique calling on your life to your understanding of the topic and indicate what the Holy Spirit is leading you to do in response to your learning (i.e. present a personal plan for missional praxis)**. This should be a section in your paper that can be written in first person. The paper will be collected via an online assignment in Course Commons. **Due April 9.**

Details on the requirements and an extended bibliography will be a part of the syllabus, which will be available a week prior to class through course commons.